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**From:** PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]

**Sent:** Sunday, August 26, 2007 6:30 PM

**To:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com

**Subject:** Re: Kenai trip

How was the Kenai trip? Did you uncover anything of interest or needing followup? Sean

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Subject: Re: Mayor Begich call

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Well, we'll take that "good history" memory of Mark's and utilize it for a good meeting with his folks!

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From: "PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)" <sr.parnell@alaska.gov>

Date: Sun, 26 Aug 2007 17:55:30

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Cc: "Stapleton, Meghan N (GOV)" <meghan.stapleton@alaska.gov>, "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>, "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Mayor Begich call

Mayor Mark is reaching a bit...never a co-chair that I recall, but I did label and stuff some envelopes for him in his first Assembly race around 1987 or 1989. Then, he and his brother, Tom, ran Pat Abney's campaign against me for state senate in 1996 when I beat the Begich Machine. Guess he only remembers the good times. :)

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To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
Subject: Fair contacts

Here at the Fair I'm reminded that Ak Nat'l Guard needs to tape a PSA with me sometime this week or next. Also, Wasilla Assembly of God youth group is requesting I speak with their kids. I said I would, or whatever their request is for my visit there...

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To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: RE: Ear

Sorry I did not send you an update friday. We talked about making the changes all at once and I got caught up in getting it done while addressing some sensitive areas. I knew Gene had mentioned something to his group on thursday. He was not intentionally leaking but more of a darn the administration for stealing my staff. I also knew that Chris Clark and Mary Jackson (with Tom Wagoner) both wanted the job. In addition, I wanted to avoid a nasty phone call from Lyda or others criticizing us for hearing from the minority first.

After confirming with Russ, Heather, and Randy, I talked to Chris and let him know we were going to do things differently. I asked him to speak with Larry Hartig about a special projects position in his department. Minutes after I talked to him, Bitney called Heather. I can not say for sure if it was due to Chris or Gene's comment. I notified Mary Jackson and then called Lyda and Harris. I thought that if word was going to get out that we were going to do things differently in order to communicate better with the legislature, I should start by making sure they heard from us first.

Lyda wanted to know when we were going to hire Gene since we now have all his staff.

Anyway, sorry for the late update.

Mike

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Subject: RE: Ear

John may have even called himself. Heather and Randy have both accepted. I am working on start dates for them (soon as possible). Russ will start transitioning this week and I have been thinking about bringing him to anchorage with me to start some discussions with legislators on PPT. This is all based on the team's completion of the models and getting back to you for an update.

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Cc: Balash; Joseph R (GOV)  
Subject: Bitney

Sharon- shouldn't the Ear be corrected re: it's not a two-for-one replacemennt of Biteny, as both he and Chris are being replaced.

Makes me I'll that someone from inside leaked this to the Ear anyway.



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Subject: Re: HESS

Thanks- you're awesome. Sometimes a medium forgets to yank an outdated psa from its rotation - kind of like our fish and game letters we sent this spring under the former Gov's signature... it just takes awhile for transitions to be completed!

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To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored); Stapleton, Meghan N (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); 'Hill\_Sherry@msn.com' <Hill\_Sherry@msn.com>; Hill, Sherry (HSS)  
Sent: Sun Aug 26 19:50:26 2007  
Subject: Re: HESS

Governor,

Thanks for letting us know. I'm copying Sherry on this message so she can follow up on our end to prevent future problems with this PSA and any others that may be out there from the former administration.

Karleen

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To: Jackson, Karleen K (HSS); Stapleton, Meghan N (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)  
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She did not like Mark Kelsey's letter to the editor. I was not too happy to see it either especially since I did have a conversation with him about media letters. I told him that we are not putting a gag order on anyone especially on their own personal time but ask him to be very aware that public comments from our employees do reflect on the office. Even though I was a bit sympathetic to the issue Lorali raised, I was irritated with her tone which is why I sent her a response that was a bit terse.

Mike

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Date: Sun, 26 Aug 2007 13:34:01

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: FW:

FYI - so you can see what Lorali Carter sent me and my short response.

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From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Sent: Friday, August 24, 2007 5:16 PM

To: Lorali Carter

Subject: RE:

Your assumptions are interesting considering I spoke to Tuckerman yesterday about the same issue and was very clear that his comments did not represent the Governor's position and that I intended to deal with the personnel matter.

Mike

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From: Lorali Carter [mailto:lmcarter@matanuska.com]

Sent: Friday, August 24, 2007 5:06 PM

To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Subject:

Mike,

You and I both know what it means to be an at-will employee of the governor, in the governor's office. Now that another letter to the editor has been published by Kelsey, it appears that his actions have been approved by the governor; therefore I assume he is speaking on her behalf. I was led to believe from our prior emails that you were going to end Kelsey's personal public attacks on MEA. However, since these attacks continue, we are left to believe that he is speaking in his official capacity. Mike, unless you or the Governor write MEA a letter repudiating Kelsey's incendiary accusations, we will be left no alternative but to assume that what he writes is what you all believe.

If you are interested in factual information about MEA, our new generation plans, or about our ideas for funding renewable energy projects, our team is eager to provide a briefing.

Attached is the letter.

Respectfully,

Lorali

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From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE  
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MATIBBLES]  
Sent: Sunday, August 26, 2007 2:50 PM  
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Subject: RE: Mayor Begich call

Just for a little more background, the Mayor is concerned that the prosecutorial discretion of the DA's office is leading to more plea deals. He claims the DA's office is so dysfunctional that there is high turnover and our new inexperienced assistant district attorneys are pleading out cases to lower offenses, leading to lower sentences. He also claims that we are seeing the results of some of those plea deals, where an offender will be let off on a lighter sentence and subsequently reoffend on a more serious and violent offense. He is implying that we are not doing our job keeping the dangerous criminals off the streets. I have talked to Talis and asked his criminal section to pull together some research for us. Also, he did make the same criticism before we were even here and I think he knows that our new head district attorney in Anchorage has only been on the job for one month.

Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Sunday, August 26, 2007 2:42 PM  
To: Stapleton, Meghan N (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Mayor Begich call

Excellent questions. I'm at the fair, Talis is to contact me so i can make that call to mark.

Usually a gov does not get in debates about such things, as the three branches of govt are to be respectfully separated. Good questions you're asking.

And many of the knowles' appointees are the ones whom are angering mark, it seems.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Stapleton, Meghan N (GOV)" <meghan.stapleton@alaska.gov>

Date: Sun, 26 Aug 2007 11:07:25

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>



Subject: RE: Mayor Begich call

And perhaps this is a dumb question, but since when is the Governor responsible for sentences? Judicial reviews and appointments, yes, but there is a separation for a reason. We can choose more conservative judges, but we can't randomly replace or ask for them to change sentences.

You know, when this Mayor runs for higher office, it needs to be repeatedly pointed out that his biggest claim to fame of lowering taxes was only achieved by transferring the burden to the state, including so many items that he admitted could have been bonded but weren't. Why don't our conservative legislators, including Harris, put that pressure on him?

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Sun 8/26/2007 10:45 AM  
To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Stapleton, Meghan N (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Mayor Begich call

I'm calling him now so he won't claim lack of response. Talis is still perplexed, tho, why he hasn't returned his own call to the mayor. Talis is standing by...

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael A Tibbles  
To: Governor Sarah Palin  
Sent: Aug 26, 2007 9:59 AM  
Subject: RE: Mayor Begich call

I think Begich placed a number of calls to us with different people. Once he heard from me, I think he lost interest in touching base with Talis. I was reminded by Talis' criminal deputy that the mayor was complaining about the same thing a year ago. The 175 year sentence we just achieved on the Lord case is a good counter to the light sentence complaint.

-----Original Message-----

From: "gov.sarah@yahoo.com" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: "Stapleton, Meghan N (GOV)" <meghan.stapleton@alaska.gov>

Sent: 8/26/2007 9:45 AM

Subject: Re: Mayor Begich call

I'll find out before trying to reach Mark today.

Talis waited all day on Friday for Mark to return his call. Why wouldn't Mark take seriously Talis' call, my availability with contact numbers, etc ...he'd better not be playing politics with something as significant as this.

Also, I'm going to have Sharon correct Shelia Toomey re: replacing Bitney with two new staffers. Both Bit and Chris Clark are being replaced with the two new staffers - it's not a two-replaces-one deal as the Ear made it sound.

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 27, 2007 9:36 AM  
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: STARBASE Alaska Open house Invitation

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**From:** Nelson, Teresa D (AMYA)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2007 12:39 PM  
**To:** Palin, Sarah H (GOV)  
**Subject:** STARBASE Alaska Open house Invitation

Dear Governor Palin and Staff,

I am writing on behalf of STARBASE Alaska to extend to you an invitation to our open house at the BP Energy Center on August 30, 2007, from 9-11:30am or 2-4:30pm (invitation attached). This is a wonderful opportunity to learn first hand about this Department of Defense sponsored program.

I'm not sure how familiar you are with the STARBASE program, so I would like to give you some background information. There are 53 STARBASE Programs nationwide in 33 states. STARBASE is funded by the Department of Defense with the Universal mission to provide students an opportunity to learn about science and math. STARBASE Alaska is an Alaskan site (Located on Ft. Richardson) which offers free services to elementary schools in Alaska. Our target audience is currently 6th graders.

Our goals for STARBASE Alaska are the following:

- Establish productive partnerships with schools and teachers to help students achieve educational standards as outlined in the Alaska Benchmarks.
- Increase student interest, confidence and achievement in science, math and technology.
- Build more effective socialization skills in children through improved self-esteem, teamwork, problem solving techniques, and decision-making.
- Help students understand how to identify and achieve their goals.
- Motivate students to improve their academic performance in school by illustrating the connection between education and real world applications beyond school.
- Strengthen youth resistance to negative influences, including gang involvement, substance and alcohol abuse.
- Conduct training courses that give educators the knowledge and resources they need to implement successful standards-based curriculum enhancements.
- Provide access to supplementary resources and materials that reinforce and build upon the STARBASE Curriculum.

Each class that attends the STARBASE Program participates in 5-days of hands-on science and math activities. We currently provide services to both the Anchorage and Mat-Su School Districts.

I hope you will be available on this day, and will look forward to meeting you.

Thank you,

11/10/2009

Teresa Nelson  
STARBASE Alaska  
907-384-6309  
and Staff

I am writing on behalf of STARBASE Alaska to invite you to attend our open house, Thursday, August 30th, at the BP Energy Center (invitation attached).

*Teresa D. Nelson*  
*STARBASE Alaska*  
*(907) 384-6309*  
*teresa.nelson1@alaska.gov*

11/10/2009

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2007 9:57 PM  
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)  
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)  
Subject: MatMaid

I'll be finding the time to squeeze in a stop at MatMaid tomorrow. Again, no formal set-up visit needed, I'll just stop in when i get a minute tomorrow.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2007 3:29 PM  
To: jeffrey.ruckman@andersen.af.mil  
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2007 3:23 PM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Jeff Ruckman  
address: 2013A Bataan Lane Yigo OS 96929

### MESSAGE:

Governor Palin,rnI am currently enlisted in the United States Air Force stationed at Andersen AFB, Guam. I am emailing you in regards to the state flag of Alaska. We currently have all of the US flags except 5 on display at our base activity center. We conduct all of our formal affairs and functions at this location. The Alaska flag is 1 of 5 that we do not have. I have made it my goal to get all the flags and let each member from their state be represented with their state flag on display. We are using the standard 3 ft x 5 ft flag, any help that you can provide would be greatly appreciated.rnrnV/R,rnJeff Ruckman

jeffrey.ruckman@andersen.af.mil

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2007 2:49 PM  
To: eteela@mac.com  
Subject: RE: Public\_Safety

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2007 2:24 PM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Public\_Safety

Web mail from: Mr. Eric Teela

address: PO Box 1261 Girdwood AK 99587  
9072409693

MESSAGE:

I am very disappointed to hear that wolverine trapping will be allowed in Chugach State park. It is a danger both to myself and my animals not to mention a consumptive use of a fairly rare creature that I would also like to photograph. Please have the Board of Game listen to the public and their biologists or replace them.

eteela@mac.com

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2007 12:25 PM  
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Fair contacts

Two turns into three or four. How about short and sweet?

-----Original Message-----

From: Sharon W Leighow  
To: Governor Sarah Palin  
To: Kristina Y Perry  
To: Janice L Mason  
Sent: Aug 27, 2007 12:21 PM  
Subject: RE: Fair contacts

Just talked with McHugh -

The National Guard is bringing up a professional film crew for this during the first week of September. They would like the Governor up in a Blackhawk talking about the merits of the National Guard. They need 2 hours for this.

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Sunday, August 26, 2007 5:49 PM  
To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV)  
Subject: Fair contacts

Here at the Fair I'm reminded that Ak Nat'l Guard needs to tape a PSA with me sometime this week or next. Also, Wasilla Assembly of God youth group is requesting I speak with their kids. I said I would, or whatever their request is for my visit there...



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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2007 10:34 AM  
To: orlando.pablo.bautista@us.army.mil  
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2007 8:50 AM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. orlando Bautista

address: Delta Company 3/297 th INF. BN. APO AE AK 09330

965 678-9269

### MESSAGE:

Mam,rnYou've soldiers in the Alaska Army National Guard that are state,municipal,city, employee that was deployed for 15 months as OIF. We're about to go back to the States and we were given one week of President's leave but by merely reading the memo as I understand only federal employee that's stated in the memo. We are covered with this leave but with out pay. Do you consider your state, municipal, city employee gets the same benefits.  
rnThanks for your kind and consideration, thanks for your time.rnSgt Bautista 2299

orlando.pablo.bautista@us.army.mil

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2007 10:32 AM  
To: crazy\_ass\_guitarist@hotmail.com  
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2007 1:34 AM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ehren Will

address: P.O. Box 770023 Eagle River AK 99577

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

I am no master of the political process, and certainly don't hold any voice of any great standing in the community, but I still have some questions for you regarding matters of the utmost importance in this nation as well as in this state, namely regarding the illegal war in which we are involved. What are you doing to get our troops back home from overseas? What are doing to stop the warrantless eavesdropping of phone conversations? The silent majority of this country, according to statistics is against the war in Iraq. How have you represented that majority? At the moment our country is being run by a warlord who has no qualms about stripping this country of all of its rights, ironically enough, in the name of freedom. This madness has gone to the point of requiring protest permits and other such restrictions which completely undermine the democratic process. A great example of this in our own state was the manner in which things were managed when President Bush las!

t came to Alaska. Protesters were contained miles away from Bush's actual public appearance in designated "Protest Zones", obviously to keep them out of sight and mind. This is a minor, yet quite grave example of the lack of freedom we seem to have these days. So please, for the sake of the very scruples you tout and claim to defend, stand up and do something to stop the tyranny. It seems like most people these days are too distracted by the conveniences of society. Wake them up. Be a leader and lead our state forward in being one of the first to officially oppose the president and his regime of self inflicted terror. Like I said, I'm not anybody of particular political influence, nothing more than a college student in fact, but someday hopefully I will be, and whether you do anything or not, I will. On that note, I have faith in you as a governor. You

don't seem to be anything like the gluttonous pig who you replaced (Murkowski), and that gives me hope. So please, I

do the right thing.

In the Pursuit of Peace,

Ehren Will

crazy\_ass\_guitarist@hotmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2007 10:28 AM  
To: azmax@gci.net  
Subject: RE: Boards\_and\_Commissions

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Sunday, August 26, 2007 10:19 PM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Boards\_and\_Commissions

Web mail from: Ms. Amy Maclean

address: 3101 W 32nd Ave Anchorage AK 99517  
907 248 5038

### MESSAGE:

I oppose wolverine trapping in Chugach State Park. Wolverines are rare animals. It appears the decision was made in the best interest of a few trappers and not the general public who enjoy, if they are lucky seeing the few Wolverines there are alive.

I dislike the attitude and decisions of the BOG. I have had a dog caught in a Conner Bear trap, luckily it was too big for her and I was able to find her and get her out of it after 50 minutes. When I called the Fish and Game with my concern about the trap being placed about 20 ft from a popular trail, they didn't seem to care and were more concerned that I might of taken the trap.

I think when an entity such as the BOG refuses to listen to public concerns about trapping in an increasingly used recreation area such as Chugach State Park - some changes need to be made. Since the BOG is uncooperative in working with the public on public concerns then maybe trapping should be stopped completely in Chugach State Park!!

azmax@gci.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2007 10:25 AM  
To: quicksaberflash@gmail.com  
Subject: RE: Fish\_and\_Game

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2007 12:11 AM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Fish\_and\_Game

Web mail from: Ms. Sylvia Armitstead  
address: 18633 Third Street Eagle River AK 99577  
509-306-9636

### MESSAGE:

Dear Sarah, rn It has come to my attention that you wish to continue the slaughter of Alaska's wolves. Why? There is no need to do this simply because the hunters want better game. If you look at any animal population there are natural fluxes. Natural rises and falls of certain populations of animals. rnThink of it this way. As wolf population grows, they will continue to eat Moose and Caribou. What I do not believe that you realize is that they can only continue to eat in excess so long as there is excess of moose and caribou. Once the populations of these vital creatures start to twindle, so in turn will the wolf population. Its a natural cycle that will continue to happen from now until the end of time. rnI believe that it is foolish to keep killing Alaska's wolves for such reasons. Especially by Ariel Wolf Hunting. If you are going to continue at least give the wolves the same chance as every other animal by making the hunters go by foot into the wilderness to kill !

them. rnI have lived in Alaska my whole life and through all of my travels I have never gotten to see my favorite animal, the Wolf. Thats 21 years Mrs. Palin. Are you going to be a part of the thing that keeps me from ever seeing a live wolf in my own state? What about my children? Or there Children? You said all through your campaign how much of a family person you are, how much you love your own family and are family oriented. Prove it by keeping Alaska's Wolves safe, so that my family can see them someday... and not dead in a store either. rnThank you so much for your time, and please please at least write back to let me know that my own Governor takes the time to read these letters.rnrnSincerely,rnrnSylvia L. Armitsteadrnof Eagle River Alaska

quicksaberflash@gmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2007 10:12 AM  
To: shmu@gci.net  
Subject: RE: Fish\_and\_Game

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Sunday, August 26, 2007 9:53 AM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Fish\_and\_Game

Web mail from: Ms. joann varner  
address: po box 3336 palmer AK 99645

### MESSAGE:

After cutting spending in all sorts of other areas I find it appalling that you would appropriate \$400,000.00 to tell me and all other Alaskan's that we are stupid and don't understand what shooting wolves and other wildlife from the air means. It doesn't matter how you sugar coat it its still the same. How many times do Alaska voters have to tell government and fish and games officials that the majority of us do not approve of Aerial Predator Control. If moose numbers are so low in various management areas maybe the human predators should stop hunting those areas for several years to let the numbers recover.

shmu@gci.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2007 10:08 AM  
To: rkennedy@alaska.com  
Subject: RE: General\_Administration

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Sunday, August 26, 2007 8:37 AM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: General\_Administration

Web mail from: Roisin Kennedy  
address: 5421 Rabbit Crk Rd Anchorage AK 99516  
907-748-6184

MESSAGE:

Dear Gov. Palin,

I find \$400,000.00 appropriated to "educate" citizens on aerial wolf hunting deplorable. The citizens of Alaska have voted on this issue on two previous occasions and sent their clear message to the governor. Murkowski and now yourself have ignored citizens wishes by manipulating verbage ie "predator control" to get around the citizen vote. What is the point of citizens voting and having a democracy when our elected officials ignore the citizen vote or find away around an edict?

Furthermore, now state funds are being spent to "educate" voters in an attempt to sway the vote of the people. I am very unhappy about this use of funds and find it hardly democratic in nature.

rkennedy@alaska.com



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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2007 10:05 AM  
To: dogray22@gmail.com  
Subject: RE: Fish\_and\_Game

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Saturday, August 25, 2007 8:36 PM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Fish\_and\_Game

Web mail from: Mr. Daryl Gray

address: 1740 Minerva Way Anchorage AK 99515

505-281-4172

MESSAGE:

To support the senseless slaughter of a beautiful species like the wolf by aerial gunning or any other method is a travesty. Wolves are a wonderful family oriented species that deserves so much better than what your trying to do to them, and to use taxpayer dollars to support your slaughtering of them is absolutely inexcusable, that's why to de-list the wolves would be a huge mistake. The wolves numbers are not where they need to be to sustain a healthy ecosystem. With only 58 wolves in the entire southwest and only 1300 wolves in the entire northern Rockies the only place they have left to thrive is here in Alaska and your trying to rob them of that. Add to it the fact that the elk and caribou populations are at record numbers proves this fact. When alligators were hunted down and murdered in Florida almost to the brink of extinction there they were put on the endangered species list and now their numbers are over 1 million strong in Florida alone, how can any one with any !

knowledge of what a properly balanced ecosystem should be say that only 1300 wolves in the entire northern Rockies is too much, that number is just a fraction of where the wolf populations should be to sustain a healthy ecosystem. The individual states themselves have already stated if the the wolves are de-listed they plan to eradicate them to the minimum acceptable level which is only 100 wolves in the northern states. So our state is like the last sanctuary for this beautiful animal to live with healthy numbers. What has happened to the days where nature decides what wildlife populations should be and allowing nature to balance the ecosystem like it has been for millions of years instead of politicians who spread misleading, false information and try to use scare tactics about wolves to pass their agenda and decide how many should be allowed to live and die in this country and on this planet for that matter. Essentially man is trying to play God and in doing so creating !

more harm to this worlds fragile ecosystem and this topic con!

cerning the wolves just goes to prove this theory. Acts of violence towards this beautiful species is an outrage and needs to be stopped immediately, Wolves are one of the most intelligent, precious, and deserving of life species there is, and humanity needs to start recognizing their importance in this world. These people are murdering an animal that's on the endangered species list and this is absolutely unacceptable. These animals are on this list for good reason. If they were to be de-listed it would allow for states like Idaho and Wyoming to implement their hate wolf laws and start eradicating their species and this MUST not be permitted. Look how many needless murders of wolves is taking place with them on the list, imagine what would happen if they were removed from the list. There are laws in place protecting these animals and laws need to be enforced. This is a disgrace to what this country stands for, allowing aerial gunners, hunters, and ranchers to break the law !

and murder these great animals due to loopholes in the laws, this is a travesty and it must be stopped immediately. This is one of the biggest reasons why the wolves must remain on the endangered species list with even more strict consequences to those murdering them. I can only pray humanity will awake from it's ignorance of these animals and start treating them with the love and respect they deserve. They try to use the excuse that the wolves predation of elk and caribou is to great but the fact is the northern Rockies states are reporting 17-20% above the projected numbers for elk and caribou and their numbers are at record high levels according to the FWS. Furthermore, wolves make up for less than 1% of cattle deaths to ranchers herds and then they are compensated by Defenders of Wildlife and the US government for the cattle they do lose. Not to mention the huge \$70 million a year economical tourism boost the wolf watchers like myself bring to Alaska, and the northern Roc!

kies states. It just seems like certain people are looking fo!

r any reason to hunt and kill them without care or consequence, what kind of world is this anyway where killing a wonderful family oriented species like the wolf is being allowed. It seems these people want take out their own personal frustrations out on the wolves. Hopefully we can help by standing up and being the voice for the wolves. rn rnThank you for your time and consideration.

dogray22@gmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2007 9:56 AM  
To: tjoneill@olg.com  
Subject: RE: Homeland\_Security

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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Sent: Saturday, August 25, 2007 9:11 AM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Homeland\_Security

Web mail from: Mr. Thomas O'Neill  
address: 20675 Cutwater Place Sterling VA 20165  
703-404-0148

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor,

I am the former Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy.

In that capacity I had the opportunity to develop numerous contacts in the Emergency Disaster Services arena. I realize that your state officials must have contingency plans developed

to assist your citizens in just about every conceivable type of natural and manmade disasters which may occur. However, to that end I would like to detail a couple of companies which have a 24/7 capability to deploy to disaster area and bring mobile equipment such as Mobile shower units, laundry units, kitchens, portable housing (Clear span structures etc) to house and feed up to 100,000 people.

Another company which I have used has a 24/7 capability to deploy crews to clean up Nuclear, Biological and chemical problems, remediation of facilities for any type of contaminants and provide demolition and debris clean up. These companies can also hire your state citizens or bring their own crews. I wanted you to have this data available just in case. In this world of today's violence and treachery, state governments are not immune to terrorist and their so called great war against the United States.

I have used both of these companies for such things as Presidential Inaugurations, the 50th anniversary of the Central Intelligence Agency, NATO's 50th anniversary, Pentagon renovation, Hurricane recovery etc. If these capabilities interest you, please contact me at 703-404-0148 or my e-mail tjoneill@olg.com. I always felt that it was better to have more assets available than not enough.

Very respectfully,

Thomas O'Neill

tjoneill@olg.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2007 9:52 AM  
To: irinidobeck@gmail.com  
Subject: RE: Fish\_and\_Game

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Sent: Friday, August 24, 2007 9:19 PM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Fish\_and\_Game

Web mail from: Ms. Irini Dobeck  
address: Private Anchorage AK 99501

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin,

Is it true that you not only sanction the aerial gunning of wolves, but have also signed off on a \$400,000 state funded campaign to justify this? I sincerely hope you are not using my money as a tax payer to fund such a disgusting and barbaric act. I and many of my coworkers are absolutely outraged to think that any of our tax money would be used in such a despicable manner. We live in a civilized society, not a society that should be condoning and encouraging the actions of a barbaric nation.

Please clarify the truth or falsehood of this heinous action. I can only assume that as a "mother, hockey manager and school volunteer" this must be a falsehood as this is not an example any parent would want to present to their children.

Sincerely,

Irini Dobeck

irinidobeck@gmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2007 9:38 AM  
To: bsonder@comcast.net  
Subject: RE: Environment

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Friday, August 24, 2007 12:40 PM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Environment

Web mail from: Ms. Bonnie Sonder  
address: 354 Baird Road Juneau AK 99811

### MESSAGE:

Governor Palin, rnI voted for you because I thought you were intelligent but most of all I assumed you were humane. That fact that you arernspending \$400,000 of our tax money to promote the slaughter ofrnwolves is appalling. What is wrong with you, woman? You should be deeply ashamed and I hope you never win another election. In fact, I will work to make sure that doesn't happen by working for any one that is your opponent. rnFor God's sake leave the poor beleaguered wolves alone. You are the equivalent of a Michael Vick. You are both monsters with pretty faces. Shame on you.

bsonder@comcast.net

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2007 9:31 AM  
To: Frank Bailey; Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Colberg; Talis J (LAW); Stapleton; Meghan N (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Newsweek

Awesome. Thank you FB.

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-----Original Message-----

From: frank bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>

Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 10:28:47

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, Sharon W Leighow <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>, Kristina Y Perry <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, Janice L Mason <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Cc: Michael A Tibbles <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, Talis J Colberg <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>, Frank Bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>, Meghan N Stapleton <meghan.stapleton@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Newsweek

One year ago (4 days from today, 1yr ago) we were hearing about the raids on LIO offices. I remember Fagan announcing them from the fair and Lyda being in our office shortly after the telling you that Ben was a "brilliant man and a great leader."

Days after the 8/22 Primary Victory and floods of national media inquiring how you unseated an established incumbent, you were in the process of expanding the grass roots of the campaign to include more expertise. Tony hit the airwaves immediately after 8/22.

We were navigating the waters of newfound friends and those who genuinely and openly said they did not support us, but wanted to come onboard and help you become our next Governor.

Frank

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Subject: Re: Mayor Begich call

Amen.

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Subject: RE: Mayor Begich call

If I may, Sharon and I should be there so that we know what's been said / promised / or fabricated as he works toward his primary. I'll find a way to make it there.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sun 8/26/2007 3:27 PM

To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Cc: Stapleton, Meghan N (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Colberg, Talis J (LAW); PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Re: Mayor Begich call

Talked to mark. He wants a mtg to address that list of items. The convo was fine. I told him we need DOT at that mtg if truly Anchorage is threatening to "turn off street lights" if we can't resolve who's to be paying what DOT bills... we need Talis there to address

the DA office issues, and he's game for Sean Parnell's participation b/c he said Sean was co-chair of his first campaign, thus they have a good history. I told him I'll look at his list of concerns and I'll make sure all our appropriate folks are present (he's already thinking of his folks to bring).

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Date: Sun, 26 Aug 2007 14:49:44

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: RE: Mayor Begich call

Just for a little more background, the Mayor is concerned that the prosecutorial discretion of the DA's office is leading to more plea deals. He claims the DA's office is so dysfunctional that there is high turnover and our new inexperienced assistant district attorneys are pleading out cases to lower offenses, leading to lower sentences. He also claims that we are seeing the results of some of those plea deals, where an offender will be let off on a lighter sentence and subsequently reoffend on a more serious and violent offense. He is implying that we are not doing our job keeping the dangerous criminals off the streets. I have talked to Talis and asked his criminal section to pull together some research for us. Also, he did make the same criticism before we were even here and I think he knows that our new head district attorney in Anchorage has only been on the job for one month.

Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com <mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com> ]

Sent: Sunday, August 26, 2007 2:42 PM

To: Stapleton, Meghan N (GOV)

Subject: Re: Mayor Begich call

Excellent questions. I'm at the fair, Talis is to contact me so i can make that call to mark.

Usually a gov does not get in debates about such things, as the three branches of govt are to be respectfully separated. Good questions you're asking.

And many of the knowles' appointees are the ones whom are angering mark, it seems.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Stapleton, Meghan N (GOV)" <meghan.stapleton@alaska.gov>

Date: Sun, 26 Aug 2007 11:07:25

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Mayor Begich call

And perhaps this is a dumb question, but since when is the Governor responsible for sentences? Judicial reviews and appointments, yes, but there is a separation for a reason. We can choose more conservative judges, but we can't randomly replace or ask for them to change sentences.

You know, when this Mayor runs for higher office, it needs to be repeatedly pointed out that his biggest claim to fame of lowering taxes was only achieved by transferring the burden to the state, including so many items that he admitted could have been bonded but weren't. Why don't our conservative legislators, including Harris, put that pressure on him?

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com <mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com> ]

Sent: Sun 8/26/2007 10:45 AM

To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Stapleton, Meghan N (GOV)

Subject: Re: Mayor Begich call

I'm calling him now so he won't claim lack of response. Talis is still perplexed, tho, why he hasn't returned his own call to the mayor. Talis is standing by...

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael A Tibbles

To: Governor Sarah Palin

Sent: Aug 26, 2007 9:59 AM

Subject: RE: Mayor Begich call

I think Begich placed a number of calls to us with different people. Once he heard from me, I think he lost interest in touching base with Talis. I was reminded by Talis' criminal deputy that the mayor was complaining about the same thing a year ago. The 175 year sentence we just achieved on the Lord case is a good counter to the light sentence complaint.

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To: "Stapleton, Meghan N (GOV)" <meghan.stapleton@alaska.gov>  
Sent: 8/26/2007 9:45 AM  
Subject: Re: Mayor Begich call

I'll find out before trying to reach Mark today.

Talis waited all day on Friday for Mark to return his call. Why wouldn't Mark take seriously Talis' call, my availability with contact numbers, etc ...he'd better not be playing politics with something as significant as this.

Also, I'm going to have Sharon correct Shelia Toomey re: replacing Bitney with two new staffers. Both Bit and Chris Clark are being replaced with the two new staffers - it's not a two-replaces-one deal as the Ear made it sound.

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To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, lynne.smith@alaska.gov

Subject: RE: Today

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Work Ready/College Ready

August 27, 2007

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I am happy to have Roger Sampson return today for this announcement and I will now turn it over to him to further explain the program.

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Sent: Monday, August 27, 2007 7:44 AM

To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV)

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Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Stapleton; Meghan N (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Rutherford; Martha K (DNR)  
Subject: logcc

J-may i get updated iogcc agenda so i'll know where i am needed at that mtg. Security keeps asking my travel plans for new orleans, i keep telling them i don't know until iogcc tells us where/when i'm expected to be there. Once we know, and if i'm speaking there, we'll need oil and gas team to prepare message we need incorporated into their agenda. (Dan seamount could help, too?)

And do i take over as chairman at that mtg next month?

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Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Stapleton; Meghan N (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)  
Subject: Fw: Halcro Re: Update

SP and Talis: Just fyi- Halcro and VanTreek are on a tear to tear us up about MatMaid. I'm expecting our Ag Bd members to be out front on any new developments instead of putting us in a reactionary mode against Halcro's misinformation he's going to spew (from what I've heard).

Mike- as soon as possible they'll need to provide a MatMaid update - should be after their mtgs this week.

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Subject: Halcro Re: Update

What is the blog chatter stating MatMaid has a new ceo making more than vanTrk, etc. ?

Kris- did you forward emails to kristan last night so she'll be ready to respond to vantrk/halcro attacks? It's impossible to un\_ring the bell, if he's out there spreading misinformation it's tough to be in a reactionary mode to correct.

Pls also make sure Franci has info...

Mike- where is Tom (and other DNR folks) on MatMaid issues as of late?

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Subject: Re: Update

How will the truthful and transparent message of Kristan's get to the public before AH and vanTrk get their bs message out there?

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Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: Update

Just got off the phone with Kristan. It was at the creamery meeting on Saturday that the Board learned of the July losses. They were anticipating another good month, however with attorney fees, overtime, a ruined batch of milk, and the increased cost of outside milk (43% increase since June) that did not occur. She said that Halcro had the information before the Board, most of which she says is inaccurate. She met w/attorneys on Saturday and I can provide additional information on that tomorrow.

She said they have cut a million dollars and they have worked so hard in trying to find solutions, but one thing they don't have any control of, or can't fix, is the cost of outside milk. And, the fixed costs are the same whether we're producing through the plant or buying outside.

Tomorrow morning is the Board of Ag meeting. Following they will call an emergency meeting

of the Creamery Board where they will take action on raising prices, changing terms of agreements, contacting a CPA firm that specializes in creameries to perform an audit, and discussing the future of MM.

Kris



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Cc: Michael A Nizich; Michael A Tibbles; Talis J Colberg; Larry Persily  
Subject: Fw: Voice of the Times/Today's Column on Territorial Claims in the Arctic

Sharon- sounds like this is the issue that the reporter from Monocal Magazine was asking about yesterday. I didn't know the context of the issue he was raising about "...our concern (or lack of) about the arctic territorial issues...". Maybe he'd spoken to critics at VOT before our interview?

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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 09:05:13

To: "Michael Tibbles" <michael\_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>, "Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: "Larry Persily" <lpersily@ALASKADC.org>, "Sam Bishop" <sbishop@ALASKADC.org>, "Joseph Balash" <joe\_balash@gov.state.ak.us>, "Mike Nizich" <mike\_nizich@gov.state.ak.us>, "Patricia Eckert" <patricia\_eckert@gov.state.ak.us>, "Sharon Leighow" <sharon\_leighow@gov.state.ak.us>, "Talis Colberg" <Talis.Colberg@law.state.ak.us>

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In today's column entitled, "Alaska has a role to play in staking a North Pole Claim," the voice of the times states:

As far as we know, neither the governor nor anyone else in her administration even took note of what was going on - first with Canada jumping into the fray, and staking its claim to the same territory the Russians deem to be theirs, and shortly thereafter with Denmark getting into the act.

With this in mind, I just wanted you to know that the Governor's DC office follows the territorial issue very closely. The predicate for the assertion by the US of territorial claims in the Arctic is Senate ratification of the Convention on the Law of the Sea, together with appropriate research. The Convention establishes the framework for the assertion of claims by individual countries before the United Nations.

In the past, the State has supported Senate ratification of the Treaty. So does a majority of the Senate. However, ratification has been blocked by a few Senators who are concerned that the Convention will lead to the loss of US sovereignty. Quite the opposite is true.

The word is that the Senate, with strong support from the Bush administration, will consider the Convention in the fall. Both of Alaska's Senators have previously supported the Convention. In addition, the Bush administration has taken steps to acquire the information necessary to assert a territorial claim.

A quick call from someone at the Voice of the Times would have elicited the response that the Palin administration is very much aware of the current situation. Given the parliamentary situation in the Senate and the position of the Bush administration and Alaska's Senators, there is little more for us to do at this time.

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**Sent:** Monday, August 27, 2007 1:34 PM  
**To:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com; kris.perry@alaska.gov; sharon.leighow@alaska.gov; Nizich; Michael A (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Industry Appreciation Day

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**From:** Jack Brown [mailto:jackbrown@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 27, 2007 1:11 PM  
**To:** Bailey, Frank T (GOV)  
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Hi Frank:

Thanks for attending Industry Appreciation Day. Please let the Governor know that she was a super hit with everyone. I deeply appreciate her signing the resolution for Aaron Goforth...his widow will cherish it for the rest of her life. Good job on the Bill signing it went smoothly!

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Thanks again.

Jack

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Subject: Voice of the Times/Today's Column on Territorial Claims in the Arctic

In today's column entitled, "Alaska has a role to play in staking a North Pole Claim," the voice of the times states:  
 As far as we know, neither the governor nor anyone else in her administration

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even took note of what was going on - first with Canada jumping into the fray, and staking its claim to the same territory the Russians deem to be theirs, and shortly thereafter with Denmark getting into the act.

With this in mind, I just wanted you to know that the Governor's DC office follows the territorial issue very closely. The predicate for the assertion by the US of territorial claims in the Arctic is Senate ratification of the Convention on the Law of the Sea, together with appropriate research. The Convention establishes the framework for the assertion of claims by individual countries before the United Nations.

In the past, the State has supported Senate ratification of the Treaty. So does a majority of the Senate. However, ratification has been blocked by a few Senators who are concerned that the Convention will lead to the loss of US sovereignty. Quite the opposite is true.

The word is that the Senate, with strong support from the Bush administration, will consider the Convention in the fall. Both of Alaska's Senators have previously supported the Convention. In addition, the Bush administration has taken steps to acquire the information necessary to assert a territorial claim.

A quick call from someone at the Voice of the Times would have elicited the response that the Palin administration is very much aware of the current situation. Given the parliamentary situation in the Senate and the position of the Bush administration and Alaska's Senators, there is little more for us to do at this time.

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To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)  
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Stapleton; Meghan N (GOV)  
Subject: RE: Governor's calendar for tomorrow, Tuesday a.m.

Rep. Neuman is requesting to meet with you in regards to: Education, Agriculture, and diminishing Mat-Su salmon runs. He stated mostly Education and Agriculture. Janice

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To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)  
Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Stapleton, Meghan N (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Governor's calendar for tomorrow, Tuesday a.m.

What is Nueman's issue to be discussed?

We can do a quick matmaid tour tomorrow. Plus visit a classroom? (My brother always says his class is open), plus more B and C mtgs... then the fair. And Bill's interview.

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From: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>  
  
Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 13:08:52  
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Subject: FW: Governor's calendar for tomorrow, Tuesday a.m.

I have a message into to Janice on the schedule tomorrow, but wanted you to see below. Von Scheben cancelled the meeting.

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Sent: Monday, August 27, 2007 10:37 AM

To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Subject: Governor's calendar for tomorrow, Tuesday a.m.

Importance: High

Mike/Kris - Commissioner von Scheben has to cancel the meeting for Tuesday a.m. as he is in Washington on state business. We need to fill in Tuesday morning again.

Also, Comm. Kreitzer had to cancel meeting on August 30 due to illness in family.

Rep. Neuman wants the Governor to meet in Wasilla the morning of Wednesday, August 29 so that he does not need to drive all the way into Anchorage? I need to get back to him on this request. He is available that morning. Governor could meet with him @ 9:00 for 30 minutes and then drive in for her first meeting at the office that begins @ 10:30 a.m. with the Mayor.

Please let me know on these. Janice

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 28, 2007 1:46 PM  
**To:** Smith; Lynne M (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: uschamber.com Weekly: Start Spreading the Word

**From:** membership@uschamber.com [mailto:membership@uschamber.com]  
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## IN THE NEWS

"The study [on purchases of counterfeit goods] confirmed what we already knew: That the buying of these products is widespread and is viewed as a victimless crime."

—Caroline Joiner, executive director of the Chamber's global anti-counterfeiting and

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- >> Member Benefits: FedEx, Monster, Yellow

## COMMENTARY

### Start Spreading the Word By Tom Donohue

Last week the U.S. Chamber held six events in four days in Los Angeles to highlight the devastating impact counterfeiting and piracy are having on business brand names and sales, public health and safety, and the economy. Activities included press conference with Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and numerous members of Congress, a event with fashion designers, and a police raid on counterfeiting operations in L.A.'s infamous Santee Alley that involved U.S. Chamber investigators.

Read the rest of this article.

## WASHINGTON UPDATE

### Chamber Concludes L.A. Anti-Counterfeiting Week

The U.S. Chamber wrapped up a highly successful week of educational and media events on the topic of counterfeiting and piracy in Los Angeles last week, culminating in a police raid that resulted in the seizure of more than \$10 million in fake products and five arrests. Over the four days, the Chamber held six events featuring state and local officials, members of Congress, and business leaders.

piracy initiative,  
The Los Angeles Times,  
August 20

#### NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND RALLY ON THE HILL

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce will host a rally on Capitol Hill on September 26, 2007 from 1PM - 4PM. Attendees will visit members of Congress to lobby for strengthening and reauthorizing No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

Sign up today.

Get the facts on counterfeiting and piracy at [TheTrueCosts.org](http://TheTrueCosts.org).

#### Chamber Launches Auto Jobs Coalition

The U.S. Chamber has joined other U.S. business groups to form the Automotive Jobs Action Coalition (AJAC). This national grassroots coalition will raise awareness among policy makers about the real costs associated with extreme increases in the fuel economy standards, including putting 2.3 million automotive jobs at risk, limiting consumer choice, and undermining automotive safety.

Read the press release.

#### Chamber, SBA Partner on Disaster Preparedness, Recovery

The U.S. Chamber's Business Civic Leadership Center (BCLC) and the Small Business Administration (SBA) announced a historic agreement to work together on disaster preparedness and recovery. Local chambers of commerce will join BCLC and the SBA and its partners in sharing a variety of information and resources.

Read the press release.

#### ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

##### Mixed Bag on Housing Figures

August 28, 2007--Housing starts fell 6.1% to 1.38 million units in July and are down 20.9% year-over-year. Concurrently, new home sales increased 2.8% to 870,000 units. Industrial production increased 0.3% in July while the Index of Leading Indicators rose 0.4%. Last, new orders for durable goods jumped a much larger-than-expected 5.9%.

Get further analysis.

#### REGIONAL NEWS

This Week's Regional News: <http://www.uschamber.com/publications/weekly/regional/>

##### Northeast

N.H.: High Tech Industry Lagging, Experts Say  
R.I.: Small Businesses Get Health Insurance Plan

##### Southeast

La.: Officials Say State Was Shorted on Fisheries Funds  
S.C.: Governor's Panel to Vote on Energy Suggestions

##### Central Plains

Ind.: Job Losses Propel Foreclosures  
Ohio: Renewable Energy Bill to be Announced

##### West

Ariz.: State Joins Regional Greenhouse Gas Plan  
Calif.: Governor Warns of Health Care Veto

#### TIPS & TOOLS

##### Giving Healthy Benefits

As a business owner in a competitive market, you want to make sure you--and your employees--are getting the right amount of health care coverage at the best rate. Our Employer Toolkit can help you decide what benefits to provide your employees and how to find a provider that will meet your needs.

Get started on your benefits plan.

## IN THE MAGAZINE

## Finding Office Space to Fit Your Needs

After personnel costs, rent accounts for the most significant portion of a business' expenditures. For business owners not schooled in the intricacies of leasing, here are some points to consider.

Read the rest of this article.

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**Sent:** Wed 8/29/2007 8:41 AM  
**To:** Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Janice: Ppt meeting Re: Friday

Not yet. Let me get thru this MatMaid presser before we set up addl discussions outside admin.  
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**From:** "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

**Date:** Wed, 29 Aug 2007 08:34:19  
**To:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** RE: Janice: Ppt meeting Re: Friday

Do you feel confident enough that we can get things finalized today that I can have support staff start setting up meetings for tomorrow and friday (making calls today to set up meetings for tomorrow and friday)? Beyond the overall approach, the tax rate issue is still outstanding.

Mike

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**To:** Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)  
**Cc:** Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Janice: Ppt meeting Re: Friday

Yes, we must spend time this aft.

And tomorrow I will be heading back to Valley at 2:30, immediately aft last interview, I will be unavailable from 3:30 to 4:30.  
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**From:** "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

**Date:** Wed, 29 Aug 2007 08:18:27  
**To:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** RE: Janice: Ppt meeting Re: Friday

OK, I just got logged back in. My cell died overnight.

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I will follow up to make sure the judges are moved and notified they will be participating in a phone interview. I will plan on staying in Anchorage well.

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Since Monday is a holiday, thursday and friday are our best days to brief legislators on the direction we are going. I am hopeful that we can work out final detail with you today and start our discussions with legislators tomorrow. We still need to put together the talking points, charts, etc. The data should speak for itself, so the charts and talking points should not be too difficult. We should focus on the appropriate revenues to the state as well as maintaining a positive environment for new companies to come explore, invest and develop our resources.

This afternoon, can we spend time finalizing where we are at?

Mike

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com <mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com> ]  
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To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)  
Subject: Janice: Ppt meeting Re: Friday

J- i can't be absent from ppt debate tonight and tomorrow - I'll have to conduct judges interviews via telephone. Mike can help with the re-arranging of Rep Thomas' mtg- I'm wondering if he can fly up here tonight or tomorrow if his mtg can't wait until my travels down there next wk.

Pls don't schedule anything after the judges interviews tomorrow - I'll need to keep it clear for internal gross/ppt "convincing debate/discussions" with the team and then legislators.

Mike- I may ask revenue/oil folks to come for casual dinner at my house thursday night for fuller explanations of where they think we should go on ppt/gross. I'll ask Kris to help me with that. This is the most imp roll-out we'll engage in... if we're not all on the same page, then we're doing Alaskans a major disservice.

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To: "Michael A Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: Ppt meeting Re: Friday

I can do Juneau tues evening-thurs next wk instead of tonight. Ppt is way too imp't to be absent from the discussions. Thomas and Wilson should be told of the ppt importance this week, can they either fly up here if their mtg tomorrow can't wait, or be patient with my schedule until i can get there tues-thurs next week.

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Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 13:17:34

To: "Michael A Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Friday

Doesnt it make sense for me to also conduct the interviewes via phone, as I've done every other judge interview? And I'm still not comfortable with the ppt/gross presentation from yest. We still haven't spoken to Mark,

this week's schedule again got pretty full with mtgs that could wait, in light of the gravity of the ppt discussions that are so important to tackle before tues. Remember im booked over the weekend so yest, today and tomorrow are very imp days for my participation in ppt debate. We have to strategize better on the scheduling when we know something huge is around the corner so our days are more flexible leading up to a big roll-out again.

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael A Tibbles

To: Governor Sarah Palin

Sent: Aug 28, 2007 10:05 PM

Subject: RE: Friday

We were working on a plan tonight to get to legislators about PPT by dividing our folks into teams. If we do walk through the economics we can show that we have studied many options and have the best balance of revenue and positive investment climate. We all concluded that thursday and friday are critical to reach legislators and that it would be very helpful if I could take several of the meetings (namely Lyda and Charlie). What would you think if I stayed in anchorage thurs and did not go to Juneau and participate in the judicial interviews?

We have done a pretty good tag team approach so far and I do not to leave you short staffed.

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"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Sent: 8/28/2007 8:40 PM

Subject: Friday

Can we swtich friday's DOC mtg to after the 10:00 am speech?

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Subject: Re: US Arctic Claims

Got it. I appreciate this info, as I have to be honest with you in my need for an education on this topic. I've been absent from this international debate - so feel free to pile on any addl info you deem appropriate for me to absorb on this.

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Subject: Re: US Arctic Claims

There have been no Senate votes in recent history. So, it's hard to tell exactly who supports the Convention and who does not.

Previously, Senators Lott (MS) and Inhofe (OK) have confirmed their opposition. On the other hand, Senators Biden and Lugar, Chairman and Ranking Member, respectively, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, support the Convention, but it is not yet clear whether they will bring it up this year.

According to Senator Murkowski's staff, the Senator is getting Alaska constituent mail on both sides of ratification. A majority supports approval.

I think we can expect some opposition in Alaska if you support the Convention. There are some Alaskans who believe that the US has failed to assert its sovereign rights to Wrangel Island and certain other islands owned by Russia. These individuals can be expected to oppose ratification of the Convention for fear of losing US sovereignty.

I know from precious experience that these folks can be quite vigorous in their opposition. However, most experts believe that, in the absence of US approval of the Convention, we would have to assert our rights unilaterally. For these reasons, they favor the Convention, because it creates a forum for adjudicating claims in a quasi judicial manner.

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Subject: Begich

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Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2007 8:41 PM  
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)  
Subject: Friday

Can we switch friday's DOC mtg to after the 10:00 am speech?

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From: Lisa Parker [LParker@agrium.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2007 2:22 PM  
To: Palin; Sarah H (GOV)  
Cc: Balash; Joseph R (GOV)  
Subject: Agrium Kenai Nitrogen Operations

Governor Palin

Attached is a letter discussing issues associated with Agrium's Kenai Nitrogen Operations that we thought you should be aware of. We want you and your administration to be aware of the critical nature of our facility at this juncture.

Our future does not appear bright. At what point would you like us to inform you that we will be closing the facility and laying off 150 Alaskan workers?

We are available to meet should you so desire to.

Sincerely yours,

Lisa Parker

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Manager, U.S. Government Relations

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 28, 2007 9:05 AM  
**To:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Tire tax info

Here's the tire tax info from the Revenue Sources book.

### Tire Fee

The tire fee has two components. The first component is a tax of \$2.50 on all new tires sold in Alaska for motor vehicles intended for highway use. The second component is an additional \$5 fee per tire on all new tires with heavy studs sold in Alaska, and a \$5 fee per tire on the installation of heavy studs on a previously un-studded tire. Our forecast of tire fee revenue is based on the expected number of vehicle registrations in the state.

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Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2007 8:13 AM  
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)  
Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)  
Subject: RE: Begich

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To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)  
Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)  
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Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2007 8:35 AM  
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: RE: Interview

Hello Governor,

Thank you for the kind/encouraging words! Always interesting what and how they put things together for the final product.

See you Thursday!

:)

Erika

Erika Fagerstrom

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Governor's House

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Monday, August 27, 2007 7:36 PM

To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)

Cc: 'fek9wnr@yahoo.com'; Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Stapleton, Meghan N (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Subject: Interview

Hi Erika!

I just listened to your APRN interview... that was awesome... great job, and thanks so much for tackling the mansion repairs issue with the media. Thank you!

Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

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**From:** John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 28, 2007 9:45 AM  
**To:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
**Cc:** Michael A Nizich; Larry Persily; Sam Bishop; Cora Crome; Kris Perry; Meghan Stapleton; Michael Tibbles; Sharon Leighow; Talis Colberg  
**Subject:** Re: US Arctic Claims

In response to your interest in having additional information, I have reviewed several documents and have attached just two. The first is a good summary which appeared as an article in the Wall Street Journal on August 22nd.

The second is a brief excerpt from a Congressional Research Report updating an earlier CRS study. As you will note, the excerpt deals with the National Security considerations associated with the Convention. Since National Security is the principal reason cited by most opponents, I thought that this brief point-counterpoint would be useful.

I am not an expert in international law, but the arguments made by the Legal Advisor to the State Department and by the US Navy were convincing to me. Despite this, I know that the opponents, including various bloggers, will not give up on their opposition to the Convention.

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Got it. I appreciate this info, as I have to be honest with you in my need for an education on this topic. I've been absent from this international debate - so feel free to pile on any addl info you deem appropriate for me to absorb on this.  
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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Tue, 28 Aug 2007 11:13:35

To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

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<sharon\_leighow@gov.state.ak.us>,"Talis Colberg"  
<Talis.Colberg@law.state.ak.us>  
Subject: Re: US Arctic Claims

There have been no Senate votes in recent history. So, it's hard to tell exactly who supports the Convention and who does not.

Previously, Senators Lott (MS) and Inhofe (OK) have confirmed their opposition. On the other hand, Senators Biden and Lugar, Chairman and Ranking Member, respectively, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, support the Convention, but it is not yet clear whether they will bring it up this year.

According to Senator Murkowski's staff, the Senator is getting Alaska constituent mail on both sides of ratification. A majority supports approval.

I think we can expect some opposition in Alaska if you support the Convention. There are some Alaskans who believe that the US has failed to assert its sovereign rights to Wrangel Island and certain other islands owned by Russia. These individuals can be expected to oppose ratification of the Convention for fear of losing US sovereignty.

I know from precious experience that these folks can be quite vigorous in their opposition. However, most experts believe that, in the absence of US approval of the Convention, we would have to assert our rights unilaterally. For these reasons, they favor the Convention, because it creates a forum for adjudicating claims in a quasi judicial manner.

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This sounds good - unless I'm missing something, these sentiments reflect my position. Who are the senators in opposition?

After we finalize, Sharon can send this letter to the international reporter who asked about this issue on Sunday.  
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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Tue, 28 Aug 2007 10:11:44

To: "Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

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Subject: US Arctic Claims

This is through Mike Tibbles

Per your request, I have drafted the letter below to Senators Stevens = and Murkowski for your consideration.

Dear Senator -----

It is my understanding that the US Senate may consider the United = Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea in the fall.

With this in mind, I am writing to express my strong support for = Senate ratification of the Convention. In my opinion, the Convention = would be beneficial to the US and Alaska in various ways, but I want to = focus on one aspect in this correspondence.

As you know, several Arctic nations have recently asserted claims to = submerged lands off their coasts. The Convention on the Law of the = Sea establishes the framework for these assertions. To date, 155 = nations, including Canada and Russia, have approved the Convention. = If the US does not ratify the Convention, the opportunity to pursue our = own claims to offshore areas in the Arctic Ocean might well be = lost.

As a consequence, our rightful claims to hydrocarbons, = minerals, and other natural resources could be ignored. In this = regard, geologists have prognosticated that billions of barrels of crude = oil and vast quantities of natural gas - not to mention various hard = rock minerals - might be present in the Arctic. In the absence of = affirmative action by the Senate, these resources could become the = property of nations with less valid claims.

It is my understanding that the Bush administration and many = Senators, both Republicans and Democrats, have expressed support for = Senate ratification of the Convention. However, as you know, = ratification has been thwarted by a small group of Senators who are = concerned about the perceived loss of US sovereignty.

I believe th at quite the contrary is the case. If the US does = not ratify the

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Convention, we will be denied access to the forum established by the international community to adjudicate claims to submerged lands in the Arctic.

I also urge that the Congress authorize the programs and funds necessary for the US to assert its sovereign rights. The assertion of such rights requires significant research and information gathering. Other Arctic nations have recently begun this process, and I understand that the US is moving in this direction as well.

I believe that you have previously supported Senate ratification of the Convention. With this letter, I want to put my Administration on record in support of the Convention as the predicate for asserting sovereign rights that will be of benefit to Alaska and the nation. Hopefully, this letter will assist you in articulating Alaska's position to your colleagues in the Senate.

Thank you for considering my views.

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# U.S. Resistance to Sea Treaty Thaws

As Arctic Opens Up, Unlikely Alliance Helps to Persuade Senate Skeptics

By NEIL KING JR.  
August 22, 2007; Page A6

WASHINGTON -- What do the Nature Conservancy, Exxon Mobil Corp., offshore oil drillers, the fishing, shipping and diamond industries, President Bush and the U.S. Navy have in common?

## RULING THE SEAS

*The effort to lay down comprehensive rules for navigation and use of the sea goes back centuries.*

1702 -- Dutch jurist Cornelius Bynkershoek, in his book "De Dominio Maris," asserts that states should have a territorial right to the waters within three nautical miles of their shores, or roughly the distance of a cannon shot, which becomes the custom in most parts of the world.

1918 -- President Wilson makes "absolute freedom of navigation upon the seas" one of the Fourteen Points in his blueprint for peace after World War I.

1930 -- A League of Nations conference in the Hague tries for the first time to hammer out a legal treaty on use of the sea, but the gathering ends in failure.

1945 -- President Truman unilaterally claims the right to search for oil or other minerals on any part of the U.S. continental shelf, forcing many other countries -- including Argentina, Chile, Peru, Egypt, Ethiopia and Libya -- to take similar steps. Some assert rights to a 12-mile territorial sea, departing from the customary three-mile rule.

1956 -- The United Nations holds its first Conference on the Law of the Sea, which lays down important rules on fishing rights, sea lanes and the continental shelf.

Answer: They all support a little-known but highly contentious international treaty -- set to come before the U.S. Senate next month for ratification -- that governs nearly every aspect of ocean law, from underwater mineral rights to access to shipping lanes.

The 208-page Law of the Sea Convention, debated since the 1930s and sealed in 1982, has stirred passions for decades in Washington. Critics in the Senate have repeatedly blocked its ratification, saying the pact would undercut U.S. sovereignty. Supporters tout the treaty as a pillar of international law and key to long-term U.S. security. The U.S. is now one of fewer than 40 countries, and the only significant power, not to have joined.

That is now almost certain to change, for three reasons: scarce energy sources, the thawing Arctic ice cap and the U.S. Navy's desire for unfettered access to the world's seaways. These motivations have helped galvanize an odd coalition of environmentalists, oil interests and military brass to persuade enough senators to back the treaty.

The renewed interest has grown more intense amid a scramble to claim undersea territories in the resource-rich Arctic.

Looking to buttress its legal case for ownership of a massive undersea ridge, Russia planted its flag earlier this month on a seabed more than 15,000 feet below the North Pole. Canada, asserting its disputed rights, plans a new fleet of ice-breaking ships and a deepwater Arctic port; yesterday, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper asserted his country's claim to the so-called Northwest Passage along its northern coast during a meeting with Mr. Bush in Quebec. And Denmark is sending a research team to push its own claim to undersea holdings that extend far from Greenland.

All this has put the U.S. in a jam. The Law of the Sea

1960 -- A second U.N. conference makes no progress toward a more comprehensive treaty.

1967 -- Amid rising concern over offshore oil drilling and conflicting claims among nations, Malta's ambassador to the United Nations, Arvid Pardo, gives a speech at the U.N. calling for "an effective international regime over the seabed and the ocean floor." The speech helps spur momentum for a third attempt at an international agreement.

1973 -- The U.N. convenes a third law-of-the-sea conference in New York. The effort drags on until 1982, when agreement is reached on a sweeping accord laying down rules on nearly every aspect of international navigation and economic rights within the world's oceans.

1982 -- President Reagan objects to the treaty's deep-sea mining provisions and refuses to put it forward for Senate ratification.

1994 -- President Clinton signs the Law of the Sea Convention, which goes into force the same year, after its mining provisions are amended. But the Republican-controlled Senate declines to ratify it.

2004 -- Under pressure from conservatives in his party, Majority Leader Bill Frist refuses to bring the measure up for a vote despite its unanimous passage by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

May 2007 -- President Bush releases a statement urging the Senate to ratify the treaty. The heads of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines, along with the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, send a letter to the Senate backing the treaty.

Treaty allows countries -- even nonsignatories -- exclusive rights to the seabed extending 200 nautical miles from their shores. Countries can then present evidence to claim rights to any of their continental shelf beyond that. Claims and disputes fall to one of several arbitration bodies established by the treaty. Without being a party to the treaty, the U.S. has no clear way -- short of threatening force -- to assert its claims.

U.S. officials said the stakes are literally vast. In the Arctic alone, the U.S. could lay claim to more than 200,000 square miles of additional undersea territories. The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Healy is in the region to continue mapping the ocean floor to help strengthen the U.S. case. By some estimates, the country's total additional undersea holdings, including extensions off the East Coast and the Gulf of Mexico, could exceed 300,000 square miles, or roughly twice the size of California.

Recent estimates have found the Arctic could contain the equivalent of more than 400 billion barrels of oil and gas and massive amounts of another potential energy source, crystallized methane. The U.S. Geological Survey has estimated the amount of carbon found in hydrate form world-wide is "conservatively" twice the amount found in all the world's fossil fuels.

Increased thawing of the Arctic ice cap is also beginning to open up seaways, such as the long-heralded Northwest Passage that is expected to revolutionize shipping. Still blocked by ice much of the year, the polar pathway linking China to Northern Europe and the Northwest U.S. is about 5,000 miles shorter than routes through the Suez or Panama canals. Canada for years has asserted its sovereignty over the passage, a claim the U.S. and other countries dispute.

Environmentalists back the Law of the Sea Treaty because of its provisions for controlling pollution, from ships and underwater exploration.

Policy makers in Washington have generally been slow to champion the treaty. President Reagan opposed the original pact's undersea-mining rules as biased against U.S. interests, a position that still carries much weight with many conservatives. President Clinton signed the treaty after those rules were amended, but the

Republican-controlled Senate refused to go along. In 2004, the measure withered again on Capitol Hill.

### Sea Change

If the U.S. becomes a party to the Law of the Sea treaty, it could extend its seabed rights by an area nearly twice the size of California.



Source: University of New Hampshire Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping

Under pressure from oil groups and diplomats in his administration, Mr. Bush in May endorsed the pact's ratification for the first time. The heads of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines followed suit with an unusual joint letter urging Senate passage.

The pact still has some vocal critics in Washington. Former Reagan adviser Frank Gaffney calls it "a socialist manifesto for the redistribution of wealth." Now the head of the Center for Security Policy, a conservative think tank in Washington, Mr. Gaffney says "no senator who has actually read this treaty would vote for it."

Republican Sen. James Inhofe of Oklahoma, one of at least a dozen conservatives who oppose the treaty, calls it "a disaster" and vows to work to block it from a full Senate vote. Other critics say the treaty will weaken U.S. efforts to interdict illicit shipments of nuclear materials and entangle the armed forces in a web of international regulations. As for the Arctic's resource potential, they say the U.S. could work out an accommodation with the half-dozen other nations with a stake there.

The Navy, the pact's most ardent supporter, dismisses such claims. "This for us is global mobility. That's what it's all about," says Rear Adm. Bruce MacDonald, the Navy's judge advocate general.

The treaty is now the world's primary legal blueprint for what constitutes international waters and airspace. It grants all navies the right to "innocent passage" through the world's seaways. Yet dozens of countries, from Ecuador and Somalia to China, South Korea and Vietnam, continue to try to limit the rights of warships to pass through their waters.

Joining the pact, Adm. MacDonald said, would give the U.S. a forum to contest such claims. "We need this treaty to lock in the rights we already have."

Administration officials also argue that Washington's failure to sign on to the treaty has, in fact, undercut the Proliferation Security Initiative, a U.S. effort to enlist international help to cut off shipments of nuclear and missile technology to countries such as Iran or North Korea.

Two countries that have declined to join PSI, Malaysia and Indonesia, recently cited Washington's spurning of the Law of the Sea Treaty as their main reason.



Others argue that the U.S. is already losing out in what promises to be a multibillion-dollar opportunity: the undersea mining of copper, zinc, cobalt and even diamonds. John Norton Moore, a top legal expert on the law of the sea at the University of Virginia, said Russian and Chinese firms have already laid claim to some of the biggest undersea mines in the world. Without joining the treaty, the U.S. has no forum in which to stake a claim.

"Our sitting on the sidelines all these years has already cost us," he said.

This is an excerpt from "The U.N. Law of the Sea Convention and the United States: developments Since October 2003" by Marjorie Ann Browne

Specialist in International Relations Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division, Congressional Research Service

## U.S. National Security Interests

Some opponents to U.S. adherence to the treaty package have suggested that such adherence is contrary to U.S. national security interests, especially in a post-September 11 world. They maintained that under the treaty the United States would not be able to carry out counter-terrorism programs such as the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) under which shipments of weapons of mass destruction (WMD), etc., would be interdicted. Referring to Articles 92 and 110 of the Convention, they stated that the treaty does not explicitly guarantee a right to board or interdict when evidence of terrorist intentions through WMD is involved."

Legal Adviser William H. Taft IV during April 8, 2004, hearings before the Senate Armed Services Committee addressed the relationship between the Convention and PSI. "The Convention will not affect our efforts under the PSI to interdict vessels suspected of engaging in the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction." He added,

The Convention recognizes numerous legal bases for taking enforcement action against vessels and aircraft suspected of engaging in proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, for example, exclusive port and coastal State jurisdiction in internal waters and national air space; coastal State jurisdiction in the territorial sea and contiguous zone; exclusive flag State jurisdiction over vessels on the high seas (which the flag State may, either by general agreement in advance or approval in response to a specific request, waive in favor of other States); and universal jurisdiction over stateless vessels. Further, nothing in the Convention impairs the inherent right of individual or collective self-defense (a point which is reaffirmed in the proposed Resolution of Advice and Consent).

The United States has concluded PSI ship boarding agreements with seven nations."

Among other statements made by Convention opponents were the following: "The treaty effectively prohibits two functions vital to American security: collecting intelligence in, and submerged transit of, territorial waters." AND "The treaty's Articles 19 and 20 attempt explicitly to regulate intelligence and submarine activities in what are defined as 'territorial' seas. These are activities vital to U.S. security that we should ensure remain unrestricted at all costs."

Taft stated that Articles 19 and 20 do not prohibit intelligence activities or "submerged transit" in the territorial sea of other States. He continued,

The Convention's provisions on innocent passage are very similar to article 14 in the 1958 Convention on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone, to which the United States is a party. (The 1982 Convention is in fact more favorable than the 1958 Convention....) A ship does not...enjoy the right of innocent passage if, in the case of a submarine, it navigates submerged or if, in the case of any ship, it engages in an act in the territorial sea aimed at collecting information to the prejudice of the defense or security of the coastal State, but such activities are not prohibited by the Convention. In this respect, the Convention makes no change in the situation that has existed for many years and under which we operate today.

In summary, the question of whether the Senate will consider the Convention in 2007 depends on whether the committee considers and possibly recommends it for positive action. The President's statement on May 15, 2007, may be a factor in the Senate's considerations. If the treaty is not considered or withdrawn, it will remain pending in the committee.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
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To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)  
Subject: Women In Business - News and Events



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*September 21, 2007*

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*September 28, 2007*

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Reba Smith has advanced to Round Two of the *Forbes.com Boost Your Business Competition!* She is the owner of The Educational Outback in Fairbanks. The Educational Outback is an educational supply store, along with daycare and home school curriculum based products. [Click here](#) to see her profile online & vote to help her win!

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### **there is opportunity everywhere lrrtch\**

Did you know that [Craigslist](#) has a Business section that is a great source for store fixtures, supplies and even existing businesses. [Click here](#) to see the details about the Alaska Mathnasium, a business that is being advertised for sale on Craigslist now. Buyer beware, Craigslist is made up of regular people selling their businesses. You *absolutely must* do all of your homework before you step into a big deal. [We can help, just ask!](#)

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Honoring extraordinary entrepreneurship, the awards will be given to two Hispanic business owners who have attained or contributed to business excellence and leadership. A trophy and a \$5,000 cash grant will be presented to the winners at the 2007 USHCC Annual Convention, Business Expo and International Pavilion in September in San Juan, Puerto Rico. [Learn more!](#)

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Mirassou has been a longtime supporter of women-owned businesses over the past three years. Since obtaining capital is the No. 1 obstacle women face in starting their own businesses, Mirassou has created the "Make Your Dreams Come True with Mirassou" contest which provides \$50,000 in seed money to help start a "Dream" business. [Go to the site!](#)

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Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2007 8:26 PM  
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
Subject: Re: Pray for wisdom...

...I just pulled into my driveway after having prayed for wisdom for you in this. Thankful we serve the same Creator.

Also, thank you for including me in the discussion. It meant a lot to be able to participate.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>  
To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)  
Sent: Wed Aug 29 20:16:29 2007  
Subject: Pray for wisdom...

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To: anjyla\_k@yahoo.com  
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2007 8:56 AM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Angela Krzynowek

address: 7th Signal Brigade, CMR 437 Box 1969 APO OS 09267

(011) (49) 621-717-7647

### MESSAGE:

I am writing this email to your office because I have not received any follow up from Sen. Murkowski's office. I had spoken to someone who told me it would be answered; however, it has not been. Though I am in Germany at the moment because of my husband's job (US Army), I am still a resident of AK. It still frustrates me and angers me that I cannot receive unemployment because I am in another country on US Federal order (even based on federal land and regulations). I got to Germany on August 7th and have been looking for a job since. We are struggling at the moment because we have always relied on 2 incomes and it gets me very upset every time I think about the fact that if I was in Canada or the lower 48 I would be eligible for the unemployment. I have always had a job (in AK itself for 7 years+) and have paid my due shares for unemployment insurance and this is ridiculous. I would really truly appreciate it if someone could, please, give me some follow up in this situ!

ation. I have included the original email I sent to Senator Murkowski's office. Thank you.

Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 03:07:35 -0700 (PDT)



From: "Anjyla Krzynowek" <anjyla\_k@yahoo.com> Add to Address BookAdd to Address Book Add Mobile Alert

Subject: Fwd: Unemployment Issues

To: alaskaoffice@murkowski.senate.gov

Hello. My name is Angela Krzynowek. I had talked to someone on Thursday about this issue I am having with Unemployment. He suggested I write a letter or email about the whole issue.

I am moving to Germany Aug 5th. My husband is in the U.S. Army and got stationed overseas. Last November I had called and spoken to a case worker in the Unemployment Office and was told that I would be eligible for unemployment (even in Germany) because my husband was military. This past June I spoke to someone different and was told that I had gotten false information from the first person I spoke to at the Unemployment office; apparently, I am not eligible for unemployment because I will be in another country. This past week I called unemployment one final time. I hoped to talk to someone who would be knowledgeable about what false and why. The woman I spoke to was very helpful and actually looked up the rules/regulations. She told me that if I was moving to any of the 50 states, U.S. territories, U.S. (?) Virgin Islands - or even Canada then I would be covered; however, because I would be in Germany I wouldn't be eligible for unemployment, regardless of the fact

t that my husband was U.S. Army and we would be living on a federally regulated post.

My whole issue here is simple. I think it is incredible that I would be eligible for unemployment if I moved to Canada. Canada does not have any military bases on it, nor is it a U.S. territory. Yet, if I move with my husband who is serving in the United State's Army overseas (on military orders) to a federally mandated/regulated military post I cannot recieve unemployment benefits. This bewilders me and is absolutely frustrating.

I would definitely appreciate any feedback, resolutions or suggestions regarding this matter. I appreciate your time. My number is 830-2928. My work number is 753-1215. Thank you again.

Sincerely, Angela Krzynowek

anjyla\_k@yahoo.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2007 2:46 PM  
To: zacharyrohr@hotmail.com  
Subject: RE: Military\_and\_Veterans\_Affairs

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2007 7:17 AM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Military\_and\_Veterans\_Affairs

Web mail from: Mr. zachary Rohr

address: p.o. box 31 ninilchik AK 99639  
9075671014

MESSAGE:

Dear governor Palin,

My name is Zachary Jay Rohr, I have been in the Navy on active duty for 3 years and am deploying to Iraq in September as a field Medic for the Marines. During my time in the Military I have met people from all around the nation who have free collage when they return to their home state, like Texas. I was wondering why Alaska does not have a similar program for their vetrins. Because Recruiting for the miliary is what it is today I sighned a contract where I do not recieve the Montgomery GI bill even though it was promised. Perhaps there is such a program in Alaska that I am unaware of or havent found, in either case I would greatly apreciate feedback on the topic. With all that is going on in my life it would be a great peace of mind if I didnt have to worry about tuition when I return home. Thank you for your time and your commitment to the state of Alaska.

Sincerely,

Zachary Jay Rohr

zacharyrohr@hotmail.com

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Subject: Military\_and\_Veterans\_Affairs

Web mail from: Mr. Benjamin Cox  
address: 4158 6th ST#6 Fort Wainwright AK 99703  
(907)978-1330

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin,

My name is SGT Benjamin D. Cox. A lifelong Alaskan. I joined the Army in 2001 following the attacks on September 11, 2001. My view were that one of the country's biggest assets and most valuable/vulnerable security issues were here in Alaska. If there was one place to hit America big it would be in the Oil Fields, the Pipeline, or the reserve in Valdez. So I enlisted and have served 6 years at Fort Wainwright. Learning how to adapt to the cold and survive if anything were to ever happen. Why not learn how to survive in the cold because I have no intentions of ever leaving this "Beautiful State", the "Last Frontier".

Recently, my family has befallen tragedy. My mother has had many medical issues in Anchorage to include: only having 10% of her heart working, partial paralysis of the left leg, and blindness of the left eye. This all happened in April 2007. Since then I have submitted countless paperwork to transfer to Fort Richardson so that I can be close to my mother to help her in many of her daily needs. She cannot drive nor support herself fully being a dental hygienist.

In the last 5 months my paperwork has been lost numerous times. Now my paperwork has been sitting on COL Thompson's desk for the last month.

Basically I'm asking for your help. I know that you have helped many Alaskan and Veterans.

Thank You for your time.

Sincerely,

SGT Benjamin D. Cox

bendcox@yahoo.com

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Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2007 8:24 AM  
To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)  
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Janice: Ppt meeting Re: Friday

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And tomorrow I will be heading back to Valley at 2:30, immediatley aft last interview, I will be unavailable from 3:30 to 4:30.

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Sent: 8/28/2007 8:40 PM

Subject: Friday

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No doubt, but he comes across like that and people tend to shut off self proclaimed "know-it-alls". His voice was quivering again...heart palpitations.

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I can do Juneau tues evening-thurs next wk instead of tonight. Ppt is way too imp't to be absent from the discussions. Thomas and Wilson should be told of the ppt importance this week, can they either fly up here if their mtg tomorrow can't wait, or be patient with my schedule until i can get there tues-thurs next week.  
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Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 13:17:34  
 To: "Michael A Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>  
 Subject: Re: Friday

Doesnt it make sense for me to also conduct the interviewees via phone, as I've done every other judge interview? And I'm still not comfortable with the ppt/gross presentation from yest. We still haven't spoken to Mark.

this week's schedule again got pretty full with mtgs that could wait, in light of the gravity of the ppt discussions that are so important to tackle before tues. Remember im booked over the weekend so yest, today and tomorrow are very imp days for my participation in ppt debate. We have to strategize better on the scheduling when we know something huge is around the corner so our days are more flexible leading up to a big roll-out again.

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 From: Michael A Tibbles  
 To: Governor Sarah Palin  
 Sent: Aug 28, 2007 10:05 PM  
 Subject: RE: Friday

We were working on a plan tonight to get to legislators about PPT by dividing our folks into teams. If we do walk through the economics we can show that we have studied many options and have the best balance of revenue and positive investment climate. We all concluded that thursday and friday are critical to reach legislators and that it would be very helpful if I could take several of the meetings (namely Lyda and Charlie). What would you think if I stayed in anchorage thurs and did not go to Juneau and participate in the judicial interviews?  
 We have done a pretty good tag team approach so far and I do not to leave you short staffed.

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Can we switch friday's DOC mtg to after the 10:00 am speech?  
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